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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 26th, 2004, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

Appendix: None

This Amendment is filed within one month following the shortened statutory period for reply recited in the referenced Office Action, and a draft in the amount of \$120 is included. Please consider this a petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. Should the undersigned representative be mistaken, please consider this as a petition for an extension of time necessary to effect his Amendment and charge Deposit Account No. 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.

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